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THE PROJECT ON CAPACITY ENHANCEMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION
DEVELOPMENT IN MIZORAM IN REPUBLIC OF INDIA (Mizo-CESAID)

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1. Activities in this month

- Continuation of 2nd pilot activities, promote understanding of new methods through pilot activities of BAIDC members
- Conduct WEB to promote understanding of manuals for staff (especially IWRD staff)
- Start activities according to the follow-up activity plan for 1st pilot, progress management and payment procedures for remaining work in irrigation pilot
- Consultation about additional measures for COVID-19
- Holding an online PMT meeting
- Publicity activities through Facebook
- Consultation and contract changes procedure about extension the second construction period, and contract changes procedure

2. Activities Photos

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Project activity photos



Conduct training on promoting the use of improved nursery beds

Mr, Laltnunpuii (AEO, DoA) , a member of BAIDC, and JPT conducted training on promoting the use of **improved mat-shaped nursery beds**. The mat-shaped nursery beds produced was used in a newly introduced manual rice transplanter. (Chemphai, shot on July 30, 2020)



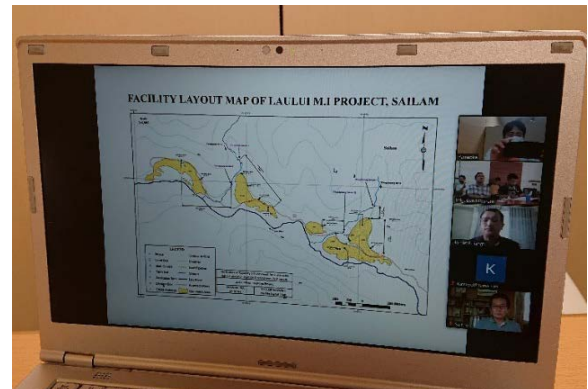
Conduct paddy cultivation training

Mr, Laltnunpuii Parte of DOA, a member of BAIDC, interviewed a WRC pilot farmer with JPT as part of the follow-up activities of the 1st pilot and conducted paddy cultivation training. (Sailam, shot on July 8, 2020)



Monitoring of vegetable cultivation in Hnalhan

Mr, H.Lalmachhuani of DOH, a member of BAIDC, and JPT visited the status of the **Japanese Pepper (mizotogarashi)**, which started cultivation in June under the MIDH scheme, and used GPS to mark each area. A yield survey of rainy season crops was conducted at Tlamsam. (Hnalhan, shot on July 16, 2020)



Online meeting on pilot works

An online meeting was held with the IWRD director's office online and to exchange opinions on issues related to infrastructure construction, the usage status of manuals for staff, the contents of online tests. (Tokyo, Aizawl, shot on July 20, 2020)



Monitoring after Conduct paddy cultivation training

Mr. F.Hrangmuana (AEO, DoA) and JPT monitored a paddy cultivation training conducted for pilot farmers. The functional status and water usage status of irrigation facilities repaired were confirmed. (Buhchangphai, shot on July 30, 2020)



Implementation of Soil conservation measures using vetiver grass

Mr.Lalringgheta of LRSWCD, a member of BAIDC, conducted vetiver grass cultivation training for pilot farmers. Pilot farmers knew that vetiver grass would help stabilize the soil and prevent erosion, and expressed their intention to actively use it and increase it. (Tlamsam, shot on July 31, 2020)

